

--48. A method for forming a joint, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a first metallic member having a first thickness and a first lip;
- b) providing a second metallic member having a second lip, said second metallic member having a thickness, the second thickness is greater than the first thickness;
- c) placing said first lip within said second lip so that a tip of the first lip extends beyond the second lip;
- d) heating the tip until the tip melts;
- e) heating the second metallic member adjacent the tip so that the melted tip causes the first metallic member to weld to the second metallic member about first lip; and
- f) permitting the first metallic member and the second metallic member to cool, thereby forming a welded joint about the first lip.--

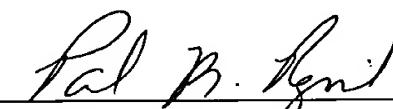
REMARKS

Claims 28-31, 41-44 and 47-48 are now pending. It is believed these claims are patentable over the prior art of record. New claim 48 and the Amendment to the specification is supported by the specification and Figs. 20 and 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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